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### *President's Message*

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I hope everyone is well and have started to dream about the warmer weather heading our way. The time change each spring, to me, is the first indication that spring is just around the corner. I can never figure out what I enjoy the most, between shovelling snow or cutting grass, but at least a person gets some exercise doing either.

Every March 31st is the deadline to renew your CAWMC dues for the current year. If you have done so, thank you and if you have not renewed by then, this will be your last edition of Timber Talk. You can pay your dues by remitting them to Al Munro (Membership Chairman) at Box 2643, Station M, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 3C1. Or by e-transfer at [france@waychison.com](mailto:france@waychison.com). If you have any questions about your membership status please contact Al by mail, email [wood5cents@shaw.ca](mailto:wood5cents@shaw.ca) or phone 403-273-6133.

One annual event that all CAWMC members look forward to is attending the CAWMC breakfast and AGM that is held in conjuncture with the RCNA Convention, normally held each summer. We all know that was not possible the last two years and hopefully we can all meet up this July in Ottawa and enjoy some great fellowship and catch up in person with each other. So, start to think about attending the RCNA Convention this July and enjoying all the events that are planned. The Ontario Numismatic Association Convention that takes place normally each spring has moved to the fall. CAWMC always meets up at the Convention, so if it all goes as scheduled, we will have another opportunity to have an in person meeting with fellow members.

As always, we are looking for articles for Timber Talk and welcome members to write one about their favourite wood, either found or still pursued, or another subject of their interest, related to wooden money.

Cheers, **James**

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## *Featured Wood of the Month*



This 'Moncton Coin Club '80' wood was shown in a past Timber Talk newsletter of December 1980. This wood is listed in our official wood catalogue as 3350 - 020. It had been issued in a quantity of 500 as the official wood for the Atlantic Provinces Numismatic Association's October Fall Rally of that year, in Moncton, New Brunswick. At that time, other collectors could acquire the wood for \$1.00 plus a self-addressed stamped envelope.

The obverse of the wood shows the City of Moncton's first official seal, while the reverse shows the A.P.N.A.'s logo which has the Coats of Arms for all four of the Atlantic Provinces. If you look closely, beside each Coat of Arms is also shown the Floral Emblems for each of those provinces. New Brunswick has the Purple Violet, Nova Scotia the Mayflower, Prince Edward Island the Lady's Slipper and Newfoundland the Pitcher Plant.

If you look in our Coloured Wood Catalogue under those provinces, you will find this logo used many times by the A.P.N.A., the Atlantic Province Wooden Money Association and several individual members of Maritime Clubs. **Ross**

Ross

## *Request from a member*

I received the following note from one of our members:

The January 2022 issue of Timber Talk featured an article which showed a black walnut medal for the U. S. Continental Exposition of 1876 in Philadelphia. This article reminded me that 2 years ago I obtained from a friend's estate, 2 black walnut medals. One shows George Washington's head looking to the right. The other is for the birthplace of Liberty. Both medals appear to be in perfect condition. I have not been able to find any information about them. I would like to learn how scarce they are and find some sort of value for them. I hope someone can help me.

I have received many replies to the above request and have forwarded them to our member and he has expressed gratitude. If someone else can help our member, please contact me. **AC**

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## **Get to Know Al Munro**



Prior to the 1980s I only collected stamps. This changed, in 1980, when I was helping a friend of my mother sort her “collection” of world coins. In the collection was a wooden token from 3 Peaks Cafeteria in Olds, Alberta. I asked for and was given permission to take the wooden coin to show Garry Braunwarth, the founder of Canadian Association of Wooden money Collectors. Garry was working in the same building as me and when shown the token Garry was not familiar with it. I remember thinking “If I can find one token that is not known by the founder of the wooden money collectors association in Canada, I could probably find more, and this was my chance to start a unique collection that did not cost a large amount of money.” My mother’s friend gave me the 3 Peaks token, and this was the start of my wooden nickel collection.

My numismatic interests spread to collecting non coin items such as post Breton merchant tokens, nonmilitary medals, medallions, spinners, encased coin and calendar coins. I frequently say that I collect anything that looks like a coin but is not a coin. I am always going to antique shops and antique and collector shows, coin dealers and coin shows and constantly go through display cases and junk boxes. I also do not hesitate to show my collection to coworkers and other friends. I have acquired and identified many one known items. My pursuit of new old items has earned me the nickname of “Digger”.

I am Secretary Treasurer, past president, and Honorary Life member of CAWMC. I am also quite active in other Canadian numismatics. I am a member and has held offices and positions with the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association (RCNA), and the Calgary Numismatic Society (CNS). I worked on five (1987,1995,2005,2012 and 2019) R.C.N.A.(C.N.A.) conventions in Calgary. I assumed the position of chairman in 2005 when Earl Salterio passed away and was co-chairman with James Williston in 2012. I am a fellow of the R.C.N.A.

My passion for collecting is evident by the fact I have been awarded life memberships in the Calgary Numismatic Society, Calgary Philatelic Society, Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors, and the First Canadian Collectors Club, formerly the First Canadian Bottles and Specialties Club.

Marion Munro and I have been married for over thirty years. While I am the primary collector, Marion collects Canadian dollars, Canadian fifty cent pieces and love tokens. and was involved with four RCNA Conventions as hospitality and spousal coordinator. Marion enjoys helping me with my collecting activities and travels with me to RCNA conventions and other collector activities.

**Al Munro** CAWMC Secretary-Treasurer

## 1975 International Festival Wooden Dollar

By Kevin Dy-Thorburn

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Where do you place a wood that was issued for communities in two different countries? This is the conundrum with a wood I wasn't familiar with that recently came into The Coin Cabinet store in Saint John, NB. Then wood in question was issued in 1975 for the International Homecoming Festival that takes place annually in St. Stephen, New Brunswick, population 4,400, and Calais, Maine, population 3,100.



The event began in 1974 to bring family and friends home to "celebrate the friendship between the two international communities," and is still celebrated to date. The idea, according to the event website, is to make these two border towns (Calais is actually incorporated as a city) one as concerts, craft shows, children's games, and fireworks are held on both sides of the border.

There's a long history between St. Stephen and Calais. Caucasian history of these towns dates to at least 1603. A shining example is during the War of 1812 Calais ran out of gun powder for fourth of July celebrations, so they asked for and received some from St. Stephen, enabling them to have fireworks that year.

It's a relationship that makes a border essentially disappear, and there's little doubt COVID-19 put a damper on recent celebrations, but a look at their Facebook page shows they still attempted to hold events.

Through email correspondence, I was able to find out that this wood is listed on page 116 of The Guide Book of Wooden Money, 9th edition, as a Maine wood with a book value of \$5.

The wood itself is 35mm wide and 5mm thick with black ink. Colonel Benjamin Church, shown on one side, was an English colonist in North America and a military leader of what became the United States Army Rangers. He would command a raid on Acadia during King William's and Queen Anne's wars in the early 1700s.

Our own Norm Belsten has indicated that he may add the wood to the 2021 supplement for New Brunswick, potentially making it an international piece.

### Sources:

Email correspondence with Judy Blackman, Norm Belsten, Bob Gabriel, and Bob Fritsch.  
[internationalhomecomingfestival.org](http://internationalhomecomingfestival.org)

Annals of Calais, Maine and St. Stephen, New Brunswick, by Rev. I. C. Knowlton, 1875.  
Wikipedia

## *Chips from the Woodpile ...By Dave Gillespie*



In an article about Geocaching and woods made for that hobby it was mentioned that Jim Smith from Likely, B.C. uses pine beetle wood for all of his wooden nickel and token orders. He was also the maker of a set of five geocaching woods for Community Futures of Salmon Arms, in the Shuswap area of British Columbia. The interior

of British Columbia has an abundance of mature lodge pole pine trees but unfortunately, they are the prime habitat for pine beetles. The insects live beneath the bark and cut off the tree's supply of nutrients, which eventually kills the tree. The pine beetles also carry a fungus staining the wood a blue or grey colour. Reportedly, despite the discoloration, the wood remains structurally sound and can be used for high quality product. Fortunately, the infestation has peaked and is slowing down but a significant number of standing dead trees are a huge fire risk. Annual cuts have increased to help speed regeneration of the affected areas.

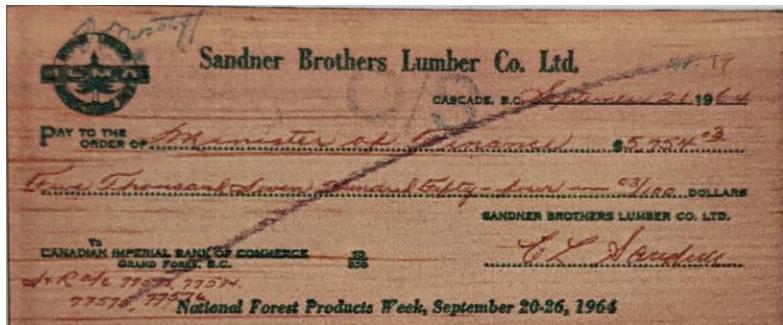
Enterprise Ranges & Furnaces began producing cast iron cook stoves from its location in Sackville, N.B. back in 1858. The foundry at one time was the only company in the world manufacturing a complete line of cooking products using wood, coal, oil, gas and electricity. A wooden nickel was issued and distributed to promote the business in 1958 and it can be found in your catalogue as number 3500-01.



Grand Valley, Ontario like many small towns throughout our country issued a wooden nickel to celebrate its centennial in 1961 and another for the sesquicentennial in 2011. Both are listed in the catalogue. The first settlers arrived to the area in the 1850's to discover a pleasant valley providing fresh water,

abundant fish and game, and stands of timber to promote growth for the beginning of a new life. By 1860 a post office and schoolhouse had been built and a local government formed. Several years later Grand Valley formerly known as Luther Village thrived as an agricultural community with the arrival of the railroad.

Currently, annual celebrations with sports and social activities take place in the present day fair grounds.



Why is money called "cash"? This question was asked in a newsletter with the following answer. The word *money* is from the Latin 'Moneta' which derives from the Hebrew word 'mone' meaning weight or coin and is referred to in the Bible as 'maneh'. The word 'cash' entered the English language in the late sixteenth century from the French word 'casse' meaning moneybox and cashier, meaning treasurer, which has given us the word *cashier* and its abbreviation 'cash'. Sanders Brothers Lumber Company of Grand Forks, B.C. took things to the next level in the 1960's issuing wooden cheques for its sawmills and lumber business in the towns of Cascade, Christina Lake, Grand Forks and Greenwood, B.C. These wooden cheques are listed in the catalogue but are very rarely seen. The one pictured in a newsletter (catalogue # 9225-001) was made out for the sum of \$5,754.03 and payable to the Minister of Finance. The back of this wooden cheque is endorsed by the Government and the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. So, the Government took the company seriously and took its cheque to the Bank.

And now for a quiz question:

1. Where was the Mount Begbie Trading Co. wood issued?

And what was the value of this wooden token?

Til next time ..... Let the Chips lie where they fall. Dave Gillespie

&&&&&&&& Answer to the quiz question of February 2022 &&&&&&&&

Q. The "Cradle of Mining" wood was issued for what town? And in what year



A. Cobalt, Ontario in 1963 - wood # 5190-001

## **Pointe Claire Old Timers Hockey Club**

This past November, I was attempting to put some order in my collection and came across these woods, numbered 4720-013 and 4720-014, both measuring 38mm, issued by the Pointe Claire Old Timers Hockey Club in 1989. I was a bit puzzled. Even though I suspected that the woods were printed using medal orientation ( $\uparrow\uparrow$ ) as opposed to coinage orientation ( $\uparrow\downarrow$ ), exceptions are known to exist. So, I did a montage of the woods I had on hand and sought Barry Uman's advice to learn what was what and how that variety came to be.



This is what Barry replied:

I recognized these woods. **Pointe Claire Old Timers Hockey Club** was established in 1966. A few years later they held the first hockey old timers' invitational hockey tournament in the world. They started with a few teams initially and now the tournament has about 75-80 teams each year. They always give a gift to every player, e.g., towels, shirts, mugs, skate sharpeners, neck protectors, toiletry kits, souvenir pins, etc. For the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary tournament [1991 or 1992], we ordered 1500 souvenir woods from *Jim Deluney Woods* to be given to all participants. Unfortunately, he made an error and inverted the "20" which looks like a "05". When we received these woods, he sent us another 1500 woods with the corrected number and let us keep the incorrect woods. We used these woods for many raffles instead of tickets and inscribed a number on each one (the numbered woods are not catalogued). They were also used for social events as admittance tickets. I hope this information answers your questions.

### **Barry**

Conclusion: the "right" wood is on the upper left of the Picture while the "error" is on the upper right. Both were produced using the medal orientation. The two lower ones were just there to add to the puzzle 😊.

### **France**

## WOODS FOR SALE

35 Cents each

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BRITISH COLUMBIA			USC WOODS	ONTARIO
9000-001	9600-002	9680-001	9800-007A	-24
			9800-008	5115-005
9200-004	9615-008	9710-002	9800-009	
9200-005	9615-009		9800-012A	<b>ALBERTA</b> 5495-003
9200-006		9715-001	9800-012B	
	9625-008		9800-012C	5770-050
9250-004	9625-009	9730-001	9800-014	8140-010B
9200-005			9800-015	8140-023
	9633-001	9731-001	9800-016	5900-018
9310-001			9800-025	8140-058
	9635-004	9732-001	9800-026	5900-317
9370-003			9800-029	8140-079
	9635-005-1	9735-001	9800-031	8140-229
9380-001	9635-005-3	9735-005	9800-037A	8140-240
	9635-010	9735-007	9800-037B	5909-030
			9800-040A	
9390-001			9800-045E	<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b> <b>QUEBEC</b>
9400-004	9650-004	9740-001A	9800-046A	
9400-006	9650-014	9740-001B	9800-077	4185-001
				7000-013D
9410-004	9652-002	9750-003	9830-002A	
9410-008	9652-005	9750-004		7100-001B
9400-010			9850-004C	
9400-011	9655-001	9760-001	9850-008	7850-004
9400-013			9850-011	
	9660-014B	9775-001	9850-019	<b>MANITOBA</b>
9480-002	9660-019	9775-003	9850-023	
	9660-024		9850-026	6900-043
9505-001	9660-026	9800-001A	9850-031	
9505-002	9660-028	9800-002	9850-032	
	9660-036	9800-003	9900-001	
9575-002	9660-037	9800-004		